

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And it does great damage, that is why we will make the distinction. But I'm going to leave it alone at this point so you will have enough time to act.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I would welcome the amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If I come after you, I want it to be on a little fairer basis than it would be right now.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you, Senator, you are always fair.

PRESIDENT: The angel above you, Senator Schmit, is asking for recognition. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, again, ignoring Senator...the voice in the balcony, I would ask that the bill be advanced. As I've said I just want to emphasize again the Nebraska Legislature started a program in 1971, many, many years ago. Only Senator Chambers, Senator Carsten, Senator Warner, Senator DeCamp, Senator Marsh, I think, and myself were here. This program has become the model for the ethanol program across the United States. When the press of Nebraska wants to victimize the Nebraska Legislature from time to time I wish they would say this is something we have done right, and it has become a good program, and has become the model for the program across the world. I'd like to point out also that subsequent legislatures many times amended this program to assist the ethanol industry. What we have today, in Senator Smith's district and out near Senator Miller's district, a 10 million gallon per year alcohol plant. If we would have had three or four of those in most of the grain producing states of the Middle West we wouldn't be lower than a whale belly as far as the financial prospects for agriculture are concerned today. Mr. President, I move the advancement of the bill. I know that if there needs to be something done at a later date, by Senator Chambers or other people, I will be glad to work with them. I'm glad Senator Vard Johnson is not here. He thought I couldn't move the bill without him.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion on LB 346? If not, the motion is to advance the bill from General File. All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.